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AUGUST 30TH, A VERY IMPORTANT DATE (Two items).....

1. **OPDX's official proof reader (ed. my wife's) birthday.** I want to wish her "ANOTHER wonderful 29th birthday" (ed. Hey, this great being married to a younger woman who never ages). Birthday wishes can be sent to: linda@barf80.nshore.org
2. Closer To A Possible New Entity - The "New York Times" reports: "**East Timor** faces moment of truth in vote". On August 30th, "the people of East Timor will vote on a referendum that could lead it into a new era of freedom and reconciliation or one of even fiercer civil war. The referendum offers a choice between independence or an autonomous relationship with Indonesia."

1999 "HILLVIEW GARDENS" BORNEO DXPEDITION. Bob, N2OO/9M6OO, announced that a 3 week DXpedition partially sponsored by the Hillview Gardens Resort has been set for November, 1999. The list of operators are: Bob Schenck, N2OO/9M6OO (DXpedition leader); Jani Kusmulyana, YB0US/ NM6US/9M6US (Hardware engineer); Mike Mraz, N6MZ; Tom Harrell, N4XP and Paul Newberry, N4PN. Operations are scheduled to include activity from three different DXCC entities/countries. Schedule is as follows:

- **November 7-11th - 9M6AAC** Hillview Gardens, Sabah, **East Malaysia**
- **November 12-18th - 9M6OO Layang-Layang Island, Spratly Islands**
- **November 18-21st** - The team will be attending the SEANET Convention in Brunei
- **November 21-25th - V8(???) Brunei (TBA)**
- **November 25-29th - 9M6AAC** Hillview Gardens, Sabah, **East Malaysia.**

The team expects to be an entry in the **CQWW CW Contest**. Operators N2OO and N4PN. Currently, 3 or 4 stations are being planned for the 9M6OO operation. QSL 9M6AAC and 9M6OO via N2OO, Bob Schenck, PO Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087-0345, USA. V85 callsign TBA. A special Web site is being set up and shall be maintained with regular updates and

photos during the operation at: <http://www.qsl.net/n2oo/> However, during the 9M6OO "Spratly" activity there is no InterNet access available and regular updates will not take place. Currently, there are no plans for a log search. Contributions for this DXpedition would be most appreciated. Contact point for this DXpedition is Bob Schenck, N2OO, and he can be E-mailed at: n2oo@arrl.net or via mail: Bob Schenck, N2OO, P.O. Box 345, Tuckerton, N.J. 08087-0345 U.S.A. Also, check out the Hillview Gardens Resort's Web page at: <http://www.alfons.com> Also, vist the 9M6AAC Web site now found at: <http://www.qsl.net/9m6aac/>

5W, WESTERN SAMOA. Gerard, PA3AXU, will be active again (on SSB, CW, RTTY and possibly PSK31) as **5W0GD** between **September 28th and October 14th**. QSL via home call (G.A.M.C. Dijkers, Dokter P.A. Cornethof 3, 6669AZ Dodewaard, The Netherlands).

DID YOU HAVE FUN DURING THE INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND? Dates for next year's event will be from 0001z on Saturday, **August 19th**, until 2359z on Sunday, **August 20th, 2000**.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Dany, F5CW (ex-FT5ZB and J28EI), is now active as **FK/F5CW**, and he is waiting for a **FK8V(??)** callsign. He will be there for the next 2 years. There has been some 17 meters activty. QSL via F5PED.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. The "DX News Letter" reports that Patrick, **FO5QS** (ex FO8DT, FR7CE, F6ESW), now lives on **Huahine Island (OC-067)** for the **next several months** and is on the air between 14120 and 14150 kHz almost daily from 0500-0800z. His new QSL address is: Patrick Freys, Box 643, F-98731 Fare, Huahine, French Polynesia.

FR5/G, GLORIOSO ISLANDS. The "Les Nouvelles DX" reports that Gil/F5NOD, Eric/F5PXT, Larry/F5PYI and Erwann/F6JJX will be active from here **next year in August**. This may be a long wait, but many will be happy to hear this announcement since this DXCC entity is ranked 9th on the most wanted list. The group may also visit some different **FH island**.

HP, PANAMA. Ernesto/**HP1EFR** and Mari/**HP1EGV** (XYL) have just started using **PSK31**. No QSNs have been reported but keep looking. QSL via CBA/QRZ or Bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **POSSIBLE NEW IOTAS.** Pat, F6BLQ/9Q (ex-TU5DX, 5N0T) Dem. Rep. of Congo's ARAC Committee Advisor, reports that Roger Balister, G3KMA, RSGB IOTA Manager, gives an indication that following 9Q islands may be potential IOTA targets:
 - **Monpanga Isl** 06.01S 12.35E
 - **Ilot des Pecheurs** 06.01S 12.25E
 - **Rosa Isl** 06.00S 12.27E
 - **Zungu Kia Kambula Isl** 06.01S 12.35E

Pat in Kinshasa states any operator willing to put these "ever first new ones" on the air is already granted a one week free B+B at his house when stopping by Kinshasa on their way to those spots. Caution: He recommends you have a secure 9Q licence before paying your airfare!

- **EU-048.** Paul, F6CXV, will be on vacation on **Groix Island** from **September 5-24th**. Look for him to use the callsign **TM0G** between **September 10-23th**.
- **NA-201.** Oscar, HK6DOS, reports that the DXpedition to **Key Breton Island**, originally

scheduled to begin this past weekend, has been **postponed** due to hurricanes in the area. It has been rescheduled for the week of **December 1-6th, 1999**.

- **OC-212.** A group of VKs will be activating **Broughton Island October 1-4th**. They plan on operating 80-10 meters CW/SSB. The last time this island was activated was in 1992. The operators will be using their own call signs signing portable. The QSL route has not been finalized at this point.

KH2, GUAM. John, K4ANA, now active as **KH2/K4ANA** has been quite active this past week on 20/30/40 meters CW between 1030 and 1230z. He will be here for the next three years. Meanwhile, the DXNL reports that Gus, **KH2/K4SXT**, is listening for Europe, Africa and the Middle East on 1824 kHz daily from 1950-2010z. We have also seen reports that he has been active between 1030-1130z.

NEW NRAU CHAIRMAN. Frank Smith, AH0W/OH2LVG, reports that DXpeditioner **Jari Jussila, OH2BU**, was just elected for a three year term as Chairman of the Nordic Radio Amateur Union (NRAU), which represents Scandinavian amateurs (OH, SM, LA, OZ, TF and OY). Jari was one of the operators of the recent 3B9R DXpedition and leader of the record breaking 4J1FS DXpeditions. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Finnish Amateur Radio League and served two full terms as that League's Chairman. He also has served in a number of leadership capacities in the IARU.

OH0 & OJ0, ALAND ISLAND AND MARKET REEF (Update/Excerpts From A Press Release). Dennis, K7BV, reports that he will arrive on OH0 Monday, **September 13th** at 2030z. He will be joined by Ari, OH1EH, will go immediately to the **OH0Z super station**. They will combine their gear and set up for a one-night "multi-multi" operating on 80 and 160 throughout the night until sunrise. Their frequencies will be on or close to 3512 and 1827 kHz. Some SSB may be attempted if conditions are favorable. On **Tuesday morning**, Dennis will board a helicopter (along with Seppo/OH1VR and Lars/OH0RJ) for **OJ0 Market Reef**, weather permitting. They will begin operating a few hours later after the antennas are up and the stations are put together. Look for Dennis to sign **OJ0/K7BV** from **September 14-20th**. Also, look for OJ0 activity in the **SAC Contest**. They will leave the reef Monday, **September 20th** at 0800z. This operation was made possible thanks to the financial support from the NCDXF and Top Band enthusiasts organized by W6PBI, K6RK and K3SX. This is K7BV's second trip of the year to Market Reef, and he will place heavy emphasis on the 160 and 80 meters. QSL all OH0/OJ0/K7BV QSOs via KU9C. OH0Z QSLs go to OH1EH. QSL printing for the earlier trip was held until outcome of planning for this trip was known. The printer is preparing the cards now, and SASE requests should be in the mail very soon. Operating frequencies, details of the trip and photos of the May trip are posted on the Web site: <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/>

PSK31 CONTEST. This contest is sponsored by the Chautauqua County Contest Club and it will take place between 0000z and 2359z on **September 4th**.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- QSL cards for the **GB2MUL** operation from the Lighthouse Station on Mull of Kintyre can be sent through the bureau in the usual way or direct to Jim, GI0DVU, at his callbook address. All callbooks from the last 4 years are correct. All QSL cards received via the bureau or received without the appropriate postage will be returned via the bureau (when

time permits).

- Dianna, KB6NAN, reports that she is now the new QSL Manager for the following callsigns: **JY4NE**, **JY4NE/OD5**, **E44A** and **ZC6A** (Ali Yashruti was operator on all operations). KB6NAN's QSL address is: Dianna R. Killeen, P.O. Box 911, Pescadero, CA 94060-0911.
- Eric Vancraenbroeck, ON7RN, reports that he is now the QSL manager for: **OT6P**, **OT7P**, **OT8P** and **OT9P**. He states that QSLs are ok via the bureau or direct.
- QSL route for **VP8LGT** active during the Lighthouse/Lightship weekend is via direct to VP8LP - address is: Bob McLeod, PO Box 474, 75 Davis Street, Stanley, Falkland Islands.
- Stan, OK1JR, informs OPDX that more than 1500 direct QSLs were mailed (as promised before the end of August) for his **5N0MSV**, **5N99MSV** and **5N0/OK1JR** operation. He also mentions that some 2500 QSLs have been sent through the bureau and he will continue to send cards through the bureau as received.

SPECIAL AWARD/CONTEST/EVENT. The Polish Short Wave Operators Association in Gdansk announces that several special stations will be active and an award will be available in commemorating the "60th Anniversary of Defense of the Polish Coast" between **September 1st and October 2nd**. This activity commemorates the ground and naval actions related to the Defensive Warfare in 1939, especially at the Reinforced Area of Hel Peninsula, Oksywie, Polish Postal Office in Gdansk and other units that offered resistance. October 2nd was the date the Reinforced Area of Hel Peninsula had surrendered. This contest will be held for all HF and VHF bands, especially 80 and 40 meters. For award eligibility stations outside of the Polish area: DX stations contacts must include at least two QSOs or any European station shall be at least three QSOs with any of the special event stations that will operate from the following National Memorial Places:

- **3Z60H** from **Hel Peninsula** QSL Manager SP2FJN
- **3Z60O** from **Oksywie** QSL Manager SP2HJN
- **3Z60P** from the **Museum of the Polish Post Office Gdansk** QSL Manager SP2AYC
- **3Z60W** from **Westerplatte** QSL Manager SP2BNJ
- **3Z0BLY** from the **Destroyer Museum "ORP Blyskawica"** QSL Manager SP2PMW
- **3Z0MDL** from the **Naval Aquadron in Puck**, QSL Manager SP2UUU

The cost of the award is 12 (PLN) for Polish operators and 3 USD or 3 IRC for all foreign stations. Requests for the award must be confirmed by two operators and should be submitted with payment to: SP2FJN.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for station **K3T** to be active to celebrate "**Wellsboro Rail Days**" **October 9-17th**. K3T will be on all bands 160-10 meters both CW and Phone modes. Operation will be from **Wellsboro, PA** (Tioga Co.), and will be active during the **PA QSO Party**. QSL w/SASE to: Steven Kerns/ K3T, PO Box 344, Douglassville, PA 19518.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for **UE0JX** to be active from **September 1st through November 30th**. The special event station is to commemorate the **120th anniversary of Zeya city**. QSL via DIRECT to RA0JX: Vladimir I. Babynin, P.O.BOX 1, ZEYA-3, AMURSKAYA OBL.676200, RUSSIA.

SW2, GREECE. Savas, SV2AEL, will again activate the special callsign **SW2A** during the

WAE SSB and CQWW SSB Contests. QSL via P.O. Box 22013, Thessaloniki - 55310 - Greece. Also, the logs for SW2A (WPX SSB), SV2AEL/SV8 (IOTA EU-052), J48ISL (IOTA EU-49) and SX2T-SX2THE (1997) will be available at: <http://www.qsl.net/sv2ael/>

TF, ICELAND. Just a quick reminder (please refer to [OPDX.415](#)). Look for Bob, W2SF, to be active as **W2SF/TF** until **September 6th**. Activity will be on CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL to his home callsign.

TK, CORSICA. Look for Jack to continue to sign **TK/F6FGY** and stay on the island **until September 10th**. His activity has been RTTY on 20 meters.

TU, IVORY COAST. Look for Laurent, F4ATM, to be active as **TU2/F4ATM** from **September 7-17th**. He will use a TS-850 and a 14AVQ vertical antenna.

XX9, MACAO. Tomio, JM3DTY, will be active from here as **XX9TUP** beginning the evening of **September 3rd** and operate **until September 13th**. Activity will be on 20/15/10 and 6 meters (50.130). If spaces permit, he will be on the lower bands. Operations will be on SSB/CW/FM/RTTY/PSK31 (all 200 watts PEP). Tomio plans to participate in either the "**All Asian DX Phone Contest (September 4-5th)** and the **WAE DX Phone Contest (September 11-12th)**". QSL via the Bureau or direct to JL3VUL: Hideki Noma, 15-15 Fujigadai, Himeji, 670-0066 JAPAN

YI, IRAQ. Look for the "German Arab Friends" to be active now through October 1st signing **YI9DAF, YI9SEB, YI9JN, YI9MB, YI99BIF, YI/DJ2SX, YI/DH1YVI, YI/DL8ABO** and **YI/DD3VW**. No other details were given.

ZD8V WILL GO QRT. Paul, ZD8V/KF4OOX, informed OPDX that he will now be going **QRT** from Ascension Island **on September 15th** and will return to his home back in Sharon, Pa. Paul states. "I will not be returning.... After 15 years of work down here I have had enough of it and need to leave and get a life back in the states."

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switch box) and then dial four quick ones ("1111"). (NOTE: Some FAX machines that send single "BEEPS" every second will not have to do this step.) 3) The phone will pick up and after the "BEEP" leave your voice message or FAX.

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